

Definitions to be used in serving Special Populations include the following:

Individuals with Disabilities

Individual with a disability means an individual with any disability as defined in Section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (i.e., an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual, an individual with a record of such an impairment, or an individual regarded as having such an impairment).

Individuals from Economically Disadvantaged Families, Including Foster Children

At the secondary level, an economically disadvantaged student is one whose family income is at or below the national poverty level, whose family receives public assistance, who qualifies for the free or reduced school lunch program, who participates in a federally or state funded program for economically disadvantaged youth, and who requires special services and/or assistance in order to succeed in a career and technical education program.

Individuals Preparing for Nontraditional Training and Employment

An individual preparing for nontraditional training and employment is one who is training to enter an occupation or field of work, including computer science, technology, and other emerging high skill occupations, for which individuals from one gender comprise less than 25 percent of the individuals employed in the occupation or field of work.

Single Parents, Including Single Pregnant Women

At the secondary level, a single parent, including a single pregnant woman, means an individual who is age 19 or below who is without a high school diploma, is unmarried or legally separated from their spouse, and has a minor child or children for which the parent has either custody or joint custody.

Displaced Homemakers

A displaced homemaker is an individual who has worked primarily without remuneration to care for a home and family, and for that reason has diminished marketable skills, has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income, or is a parent whose youngest dependent child will become ineligible to receive assistance under Part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42. U.S.C. 601 et. seq.) not later than two years after the date on which the parent

applies for assistance under this title, and is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment. Displaced homemakers are generally served by adult education and postsecondary institutions.

Individuals with Other Barriers to Educational Achievement

At the secondary level, an individual with other barriers to educational achievement may be any of the following:

An Individual with Limited English Proficiency – means a secondary school student, or an out of school youth who has limited ability in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language, and

- (a) whose native language is a language other than English, or
- (b) who lives in a family or community environment in which a language other than English is the dominant language.

Adults and Youth Who Reside in State Supported Institutions

– refers to youth and adults who are incarcerated in state correctional facilities or are residents of other state funded residential facilities.

Academically Disadvantaged – refers to an individual whose secondary school grades are below 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, who fails to attain minimum academic competencies, who has dropped out of school and enrolled in an alternative education program for academic reasons, and who requires assistance to succeed in a CTE program.